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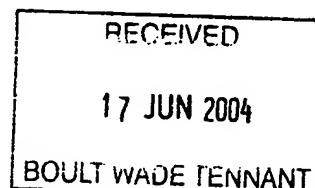
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A low pressure beverage preparation system for automatically preparing a range of beverage types from a range of beverage cartridges, the system comprising:

a beverage preparation machine (201);
and a plurality of beverage cartridges (1), each beverage cartridge containing one or more beverage ingredients (200) associated with a specific beverage type, wherein the beverage preparation system comprises:

a reader (252) for automatically interpreting a code (320) written on said beverage cartridge;
processing means for creating a specific brewing cycle based on said code;